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Radicals, Reunion, and Repatriation: Harlan County and the Constraints of History by Jessica Legnini

Jessica Legnini creatively analyzes the history of Harlan County in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The varying perspectives of coal miners, coal companies, reformers, present-day museums, contemporary observers, and even historical markers provide different ways of exploring the often-turbulent history of Harlan County.

“All Men of Decency Ought to Quit the Army”: Benjamin F. Buckner, Manhood, and Proslavery Unionism in Kentucky by Patrick A. Lewis

In this article, Patrick A. Lewis explores the volatile political environment in Kentucky during the Civil War era. Benjamin F. Buckner’s changing perspective is a kind of microcosm of a process which eventually led Unionist Kentucky to join the Confederacy, in sentiment at least, after the war. His political evolution was replicated throughout Kentucky as the war unfolded and Lincoln’s war aims, particularly regarding slavery, became more clearly seen

Henry Clay, Realist by Norman A. Graebner

Norman Graebner’s essay “Henry Clay, Realist” deals with issues which powerfully resonate with an America confronting an ongoing twenty-four-hour news cycle depicting worldwide travail. Henry Clay, Norman Graebner informs us, steadily evolved to a position of foreign-policy realism which eschewed crusades in which America seeks, in the words of John Adams, “monsters to destroy.” The essay raises the ongoing issue of the extent to which the United States should seek to engage in nation-building.